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To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Memorandum of Understanding - FDA Docket No. 98N-1265

I have just become aware that the Food and Drug Administration is trying to take away the choices I have to obtain specially formulated medications. Adoption of the subject MOU will restrict the ability of specialized pharmacies to ship specially compounded medications across state lines. These medications are specifically used to deal with illnesses and other maladies *which are not helped by mass produced "one size fits all" medications offered by the large drug companies.* Apparently the large drug companies are now trying to capture a portion of the market they have never wanted before -- individually compounded medications.

At a relatively early age, I was "thrown" into early menopause as a result of surgery. The "one size fits all" hormone replacement therapy provided by the large drug companies has **NOT** helped any of my symptoms associated with menopause, and has created side affects worse than the associated symptoms.

Compounded natural hormone prescriptions obtained from Madison Pharmacy Associates, Inc., a part of Women's Health America, Inc. in Madison, Wisconsin, have relieved my menopause symptoms *better than any synthetic hormone* tried previously. As a result, *natural hormones obtained from Madison Pharmacy make it possible for me to live a near normal life throughout the month.*

**Please do NOT proceed with implementation of the subject memorandum of understanding with state Boards of Pharmacy.** To do so will have a major negative impact on my quality of life! If this memorandum is adopted by state Boards, I, and people like me, will be unable to get those specially compounded medications so vital to our health, and physical and emotional well being.!

Respectfully,

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